

What is claimed:

1. A truck rail for use with a pickup truck having a cargo bed and laterally spaced sidewalls, comprising: a pair of mounting plates for mounting at spaced locations on the top of the sidewalls; an elongated welded link chain having adjacent links welded together to form a lineal length of rigidly interconnected links; means at the ends of said chain for connection with said mounting plates for locating said chain in vertically spaced relation above and parallel to the top of the sidewalls.
2. The truck rail as recited in claim 1 wherein said means at the ends of said chain includes an end section of downwardly extending chain links connected with said ends of said chain and welded to said mounting plates.
3. The truck rail as recited in claim 2 wherein each end link of said end section is connected to said mounting plate at a half link welded to the top surface of said mounting plate
4. The truck rail as recited in claim 2 wherein said end section is downwardly inclined between said ends of said chain and said mounting plate.
5. The truck rail as recited in claim 2 wherein said mounting plates include apertures for receiving mechanical fasteners for attaching said mounting plates to the tops of the sidewalls.
6. The truck rail as recited in claim 2 wherein the pickup truck is provided with longitudinally spaced upwardly opening stake pockets

at the tops of the side walls and said mounting plates include a downwardly depending adapter member for telescopic insertion into the pockets for mounting the truck rail on the pickup truck.

7. The truck rail as recited in claim 2 wherein said links are chrome plated.
8. The truck rail as recited in claim 2 wherein said links are color coated.
9. The truck rail as recited in claim 2 wherein said links are formed of stainless steel.
10. The truck rail as recited in claim 1 wherein said chain comprises a length of C-shaped, serially interconnected links having juxtaposed ends welded after assembly.
11. In combination; a pickup truck having a rear cargo bed laterally bounded by side walls having longitudinally extending horizontal top surfaces; pairs of longitudinally spaced mounting plates attached in symmetrical opposed relation on said top surfaces; rail members structurally connected between each pair of mounting plates and including end sections upwardly and inwardly inclined normal to said top surface of a sidewall and interconnected by a center section parallel to said top surface wherein said end sections and said center section each include a plurality of rigidly structurally interconnected chain links.

Abstract of the Disclosure

A truck rail for the side walls of a pickup truck cargo bed includes a welded chain having individual links structurally interconnected to form a